

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries****EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1978 AMENDMENT**

Amendment by Pub. L. 95-454 effective 90 days after Oct. 13, 1978, see section 907 of Pub. L. 95-454, set out as a note under section 1101 of this title.

**§ 3313. Competitive service; registers of eligibles**

The names of applicants who have qualified in examinations for the competitive service shall be entered on appropriate registers or lists of eligibles in the following order—

(1) for scientific and professional positions in GS-9 or higher, in the order of their ratings, including points added under section 3309 of this title; and

(2) for all other positions—

(A) disabled veterans who have a compensable service-connected disability of 10 percent or more, in the order of their ratings, including points added under section 3309 of this title; and

(B) remaining applicants, in the order of their ratings, including points added under section 3309 of this title.

The names of preference eligibles shall be entered ahead of others having the same rating.

(Pub. L. 89-554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 420.)

**HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES**

<i>Derivation</i>	<i>U.S. Code</i>	<i>Revised Statutes and Statutes at Large</i>
.....	5 U.S.C. 856.	June 27, 1944, 287, § 7, 58 Stat. 389. Aug. 14, 1953, ch. 485, §1(b), 67 Stat. 581.

The section is restated for clarity and conciseness. The words “for the competitive service” are added for clarity. Application of this section to the excepted service in the executive branch and to the government of the District of Columbia is carried into section 3320. The words “employment lists” are omitted as included in “appropriate registers or lists of eligibles”.

In paragraph (1), the words “in GS-9 or higher” are substituted for “in grade 9 or higher of the General Schedule of the Classification Act of 1949, as amended” in view of the codification of the Act in this title, and, in specific sections 5104 and 5332.

In paragraph (2)(A), the term “disabled veterans” is substituted for “preference eligibles” in view of the definition of “disabled veteran” in section 2108(2).

Standard changes are made to conform with the definitions applicable and the style of this title as outlined in the preface to the report.

**§ 3314. Registers; preference eligibles who resigned**

A preference eligible who resigns, on request to the Office of Personnel Management, is entitled to have his name placed again on all registers for which he may have been qualified, in the order named by section 3313 of this title.

(Pub. L. 89-554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 420; Pub. L. 95-454, title IX, §906(a)(2), Oct. 13, 1978, 92 Stat. 1224.)

**HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES**

<i>Derivation</i>	<i>U.S. Code</i>	<i>Revised Statutes and Statutes at Large</i>
.....	5 U.S.C. 865.	June 27, 1944, ch. 287, §16, 58 Stat. 391.

The last 28 words of former section 865 relating to recertification and reappointments are omitted since under sections 3317 and 3318(a) certification and appointment follow from placing on registers.

Standard changes are made to conform with the definitions applicable and the style of this title as outlined in the preface to the report.

**Editorial Notes****AMENDMENTS**

1978—Pub. L. 95-454 substituted “Office of Personnel Management” for “Civil Service Commission”.

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Amendment by Pub. L. 95-454 effective 90 days after Oct. 13, 1978, see section 907 of Pub. L. 95-454, set out as a note under section 1101 of this title.

**§ 3315. Registers; preference eligibles furloughed or separated**

(a) A preference eligible who has been separated or furloughed without delinquency or misconduct, on request, is entitled to have his name placed on appropriate registers and employment lists for every position for which his qualifications have been established, in the order named by section 3313 of this title. This subsection applies to registers and employment lists maintained by the Office of Personnel Management, an Executive agency, or the government of the District of Columbia.

(b) The Office may declare a preference eligible who has been separated or furloughed without pay under section 7512 of this title to be entitled to the benefits of subsection (a) of this section.

(Pub. L. 89-554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 420; Pub. L. 96-54, §2(a)(14), (15), Aug. 14, 1979, 93 Stat. 382.)

**HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES**

<i>Derivation</i>	<i>U.S. Code</i>	<i>Revised Statutes and Statutes at Large</i>
(a) .....	5 U.S.C. 864 (1st sentence).	June 27, 1944, ch. 287 §15 (1st sentence), 58 Stat. 391.
(b) .....	5 U.S.C. 863 (2d proviso).	June 27, 1944, ch. 287, §14 (2d proviso), 58 Stat. 391.

In subsection (a), the term “Executive agency” is substituted for “any agency or project of the Federal Government” on authority of former section 869. The last 28 words of the 1st sentence of former section 864 relating to recertification and reappointment are omitted since under sections 3317 and 3318(a) certification and appointment follow from placing on registers.

Standard changes are made to conform with the definitions applicable and the style of this title as outlined in the preface to the report.

**Editorial Notes****AMENDMENTS**

1979—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 96-54, §2(a)(14), substituted “Office of Personnel Management” for “Civil Service Commission”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 96-54, §2(a)(15), substituted “Office” for “Commission”.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries****EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1979 AMENDMENT**

Amendment by Pub. L. 96-54 effective July 12, 1979, see section 2(b) of Pub. L. 96-54, set out as a note under section 305 of this title.

**[§ 3315a. Repealed. Pub. L. 93-416, § 22(c), Sept. 7, 1974, 88 Stat. 1150]**

Section, added Pub. L. 90-83 § 1(9)(A), Sept. 11, 1967, 81 Stat. 197, related to registration by Civil Service Commission of employees receiving compensation for injuries for certification for appointment to vacant positions.

**§ 3316. Preference eligibles; reinstatement**

On request of an appointing authority, a preference eligible who has resigned or who has been dismissed or furloughed may be certified for, and appointed to, a position for which he is eligible in the competitive service, an Executive agency, or the government of the District of Columbia.

(Pub. L. 89-554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 421.)

**HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES**

<i>Derivation</i>	<i>U.S. Code</i>	<i>Revised Statutes and Statutes at Large</i>
.....	5 U.S.C. 862.	June 27, 1944, ch. 287, § 13, 58 Stat. 390.

The word “authority” is substituted for “officer” in recognition of the several appointing authorities named in section 2105(a)(1).

The words “in the competitive service, an Executive agency, or the government of the District of Columbia” are substituted for “in the civil service, Federal, or District of Columbia, or in any establishment, agency, bureau, administration, project, or department, temporary or permanent” on authority of former section 869.

Standard changes are made to conform with the definitions applicable and the style of this title as outlined in the preface to the report.

**§ 3317. Competitive service; certification from registers**

(a) The Office of Personnel Management shall certify enough names from the top of the appropriate register to permit a nominating or appointing authority who has requested a certificate of eligibles to consider at least three names for appointment to each vacancy in the competitive service.

(b) When an appointing authority, for reasons considered sufficient by the Office, has three times considered and passed over a preference eligible who was certified from a register, certification of the preference eligible for appointment may be discontinued. However, the preference eligible is entitled to advance notice of discontinuance of certification.

(Pub. L. 89-554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 421; Pub. L. 95-454, title IX, § 906(a)(3), Oct. 13, 1978, 92 Stat. 1224; Pub. L. 96-54, § 2(a)(14), (15), Aug. 14, 1979, 93 Stat. 382.)

**REPEAL AND REENACTMENT OF SECTION**

*Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title XI, § 1107(a), (d), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 2002, 2005, provided that, effective on the date on which the Director of the Office of Personnel Management issues final regulations for implementation, with such regulations due not later than one year after Aug. 13, 2018, this section is repealed and a new section 3317 is enacted to read as follows:*

**§ 3317. Competitive service; certification using numerical ratings**

(a) **CERTIFICATION.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Director of the Office of Personnel Management, or the head of an agency to which the Director has delegated examining authority under section 1104(a)(2), shall certify a sufficient number of names from the top of the appropriate register or list of eligibles, as determined pursuant to regulations prescribed under subsection (c), and provide a certificate with such names to an appointing authority that has requested a certificate of eligibles to consider when filling a job in the competitive service.

(2) **MINIMUM NUMBER OF NAMES CERTIFIED.**—Unless otherwise provided for in regulations prescribed under subsection (c), the number of names certified under paragraph (1) shall be not less than three.

(b) **DISCONTINUANCE OF CERTIFICATION.**—When an appointing authority, for reasons considered sufficient by the Director or head of an agency, has three times considered and passed over a preference eligible who was certified from a register, the Director or head of any agency may discontinue certifying the preference eligible for appointment. The Director or the head of an agency shall provide to such preference eligible notice of the intent to discontinue certifying such preference eligible prior to the discontinuance of certification.

(c) **REGULATIONS.**—The Director shall prescribe regulations for the administration of this section. Such regulations shall include the establishment of mechanisms for identifying the eligibles who will be considered for each vacancy. Such mechanisms may include cut-off scores.

(d) **DEFINITION.**—In this section, the term “Director” means the Director of the Office of Personnel Management.

**HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES**

<i>Derivation</i>	<i>U.S. Code</i>	<i>Revised Statutes and Statutes at Large</i>
.....	5 U.S.C. 857 (1st sentence and 2d proviso).	June 27, 1944, ch. 287, § 8 (1st sentence and 2d proviso), 58 Stat. 389.

In subsection (a), the word “authority” is substituted for “officer” in recognition of the several appointing authorities named in section 2105(a)(1). The words “in the competitive service” have been added for clarity. Application of the section to the excepted service in the executive branch and to the government of the District of Columbia, as provided in former section 858, is carried into section 3320.

In subsection (b), the word “thereafter” is omitted as unnecessary.

Standard changes are made to conform with the definitions applicable and the style of this title as outlined in the preface to the report.

**Editorial Notes**

**AMENDMENTS**

1979—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 96-54, § 2(a)(14), substituted “Office of Personnel Management” for “Civil Service Commission”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 96-54, § 2(a)(15), amended subsec. (b) in same manner as amendment by Pub. L. 95-454. See 1978 Amendment note set out below.

1978—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 95-454 which purported to amend section 3317b of this title by substituting “Office” for “Commission” was executed to subsec. (b) of this section as the probable intent of Congress.